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Respects: Tributes left in Old Malden Lane; The air ambulance in Worcester Park, inset

JOGGER DEAD

Woman killed by car while out for run on country road

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Calls have been made to improve safety on a country road in Worcester Park after a woman was killed by a car while out jogging this week.

The pedestrian, 39, reportedly from the Worcester Park area, was hit by a black Nissan Primastar van in Old Malden Lane, just after 11am on Saturday.

She was airlifted to St George's Hospital in Tooting with head injuries, but died the following day.

A 34-year-old man from Surbiton was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and also dangerous driving.

Alfred Kovaci, 38, who works at the River Club in Old Malden Lane, said he was driving a few cars behind the van when the crash happened.

Mr Kovaci said: "I was the one who called the police and they turned up and the ambulance and the air ambulance turned up as well.

"I was speaking to the driver and he wasn't talking. He was shocked. The officers came and handcuffed him. It was shocking for all of us."

Mr Kovaci and other drivers went to help the injured woman, but they did not want to move her.

As she was taken to the air ambulance, he spoke to one of the paramedics.

He said: "I said 'What are the chances?'

"She said she had got a very bad head injury. I was thinking 'Fingers crossed she's going to survive'.

"I received the bad news yesterday. It's very, very sad."

Mr Kovaci said he had heard from the club that the woman had died and was a mother.

He said another driver told him that the woman in exercise kit had been running along the side of the road.

He added: "It's not a proper walking path, it's a countryside road. It's very dangerous there."

He said something must be done to prevent speeding and a pedestrian pathway needs to be built so that people can walk safely.

He said: "What happened that day is unbelievable."

Floral tributes have been left at the spot where the crash took place.

A builder from Kent and Sussex Ltd, who was working close by, asked not to be named, but said: "We've been working along this road and there is definitely a speed issue here.

"We're building the boundary wall close to the road and it's frightening the speed the cars come down."

A resident who lives in the road said: "She didn't go out for a jog not to come home again."

The man arrested has been released on bail until January 8 as the investigation continues.

Anyone who has any information about the accident should call Surrey Police on 101, quoting reference number P14321663.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: JON SHARMAN reports on services across the borough

We will remember them









Hundreds gathered across the borough to remember those who fell in Britain's conflicts past and present, on the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War.

A service at All Saints Church, Kingston, was led by Bishop Richard Cheetham and the Rev Jonathan Wilkes, while in Surbiton the Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard urged those present "to be thankful for the freedom and justice that was won for us and the world, and to acknowledge our debt of gratitude".

There were also services in New Malden, Chessington and Worcester Park, as the country fell silent for two minutes to remember those who put their lives on the line for their country.

Kingston and Surbiton MP Edward Davey said: "It was an amazing and wonderful turnout by the community.

"I think it reflects the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

"That is at the centre of people's minds, and you add to that what is happening with our troops in Afghanistan and elsewhere, I think people want to show their support."

Clockwise from top left: March through Kingston Market Place; Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide Band in the Market Place; A veteran salutes after laying a wreath in Surbiton; The Royal British Legion Surbiton Youth Marching Band passes Surbiton Hill Methodist Church

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Applause for new plans to revive former cinema

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Regal revival: An artist's impression of the refurbished former Gala Bingo hall

Plans by CNM Estates to renovate the former Gala Bingo hall have been unanimously approved by councillors.

The vote followed months of negotiations between developers, Kingston Council and groups including English Heritage.

Once refurbished, the iconic Richmond Road building, originally the Regal Cinema, will boast new penthouse flats, offices, a cinema, restaurant and a dance studio.

The parties will now work on the fine details of the design.

CNM Estates chairman Wahid Samady said after the vote at a development control committee meeting last week: "We now look forward to the next step of delivering it.

"Naturally with buildings of this complexity there has to be detailed design.

"[We will] continue to consult with English Heritage and various other bodies, whose input has been valuable."

But theatre consultant Roger Fox raised concerns about the viability of the proposed restaurant and other plans.

He said: "There is a fair chance that they will be white elephants."

And Peter Wild, of the Cinema Theatres Association, said: "It is entirely possible to restore and use this cinema as a single space."

But councillors were glad something was finally being done.

The building, then occupied by Gala Bingo, closed in 2010, and was bought later that year by nightclub owner Franco Lumba for £1.975m.

The controversial businessman, who owns the now-closed Essence nightclub on Kingston riverside, had wanted to open a new 2,000 capacity superclub to rival nearby Oceana, now Pryzm.

The proposals were met with vehement opposition from residents, and were finally headed off when CNM bought the building last year.

Mr Lumba was later fined £45,000 for ripping up the floor of the listed building.

Councillor Vicki Harris said this week: "Nothing has been done with it for far too long. It is very important to me as I've been in Kingston all my life, and it has fond memories for me."

Coun Hugh Scantlebury said: "It's a carbuncle at the moment. It was vandalised by the previous owner.

"I think it's time that the building was brought back into some viability."

Coun Bill Brisbane said: "It's clear that over time the applicant has done a lot to meet objectors."

Making plans for a mooring fit for royalty

Plans to bring the royal yacht Gloriana to Kingston are moving forward as one of the world's biggest architect firms draws up designs.

Foster and Partners is working on the new setting for the yacht, which it is hoped will be housed in old barge docks at the southern tip of Canbury Gardens.

Councillor David Cunningham, lead member for transport, said: "We had a very good meeting with the architects and we are having further design meetings with them, running up to Christmas, for them to produce a scheme."



Selfie on abandoned phone landed jewel thief in prison

A serial burglar and thief has been jailed after he left behind a mobile phone – complete with selfie – at a Kingston jeweller's.

Germain Fofana, 27, of no fixed address, stole two engagement rings and a wedding ring, worth more than £18,000, from Ernest Jones in Clarence Street in May.

Police tracked him down thanks to the picture on his abandoned phone, and he was eventually charged with 13 burglary and theft offences logged across the capital.

His spree had netted him more than £120,000-worth of jewellery.

Detective Constable Adrian Whitewick, from the flying squad, said: "Fofana targeted a number of stores and posed convincingly as a customer.

"His actions have caused distress to a significant number of store employees and resulted in considerable financial loss and inconvenience for businesses.

"He will have time to reflect on this as he serves his sentence."

Fofana, a New York native, was jailed for a total of five-and-a-half years at Woolwich Crown Court on Friday, after he asked for 32 other offences to be taken into consideration.

His lawyer, Oliver Weetch, told the court: "The offending is a result of a heavy gambling addiction and a problem with alcohol. Like most gamblers, he's lost all his money."

In the May 18 raid on Ernest Jones, Fofana posed as a customer and asked to see the rings, but ran out of the shop when they were handed over.

Detective Sergeant Damion Cummings, from Kingston CID, said at the time: "In his hurry to run out of the shop, the suspect left his mobile phone on the table alongside his bag.

"While police were on scene, the phone lit up having received a text message and a picture of the suspect was saved as the background.

"It was then the shop assistant who served him was able to identify the person in the picture."



Caught on camera: Germain Fofana was identified by a selfie on his mobile phone, left at a jeweller's shop in Kingston

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OPERATION ODIN: Fifty officers target 10 homes across borough

Odin's day sees police raids and seven arrests

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Seven people were arrested in morning raids by police launching a new, six-month campaign to disrupt drug dealers.

Operation Odin saw 50 officers raid 10 homes across the borough on Tuesday, November 4, including in New Malden, Tolworth and on the Cambridge Road estate.

Detective Chief Inspector Claire Moxon, head of Kingston CID, said Kingston was a big market for dealers from outside the borough.

She said: "From today we've got a drug strategy to run for the next three to six months. We will use whatever methods we need to to try to limit damage caused by drugs.

"Because we've got a big night-time economy we can have several thousand people in the town centre at any one time.

It automatically attracts people to come into the borough to supply drugs of all different varieties."

Drug dealing is the main driver behind much antisocial behaviour, violence and criminal damage, she said.

Arrests will be used to gather intelligence for use further down the line.

Tip-offs from the public are still key, D Chief Insp Moxon said.

She added: "Crimestoppers is really important for us. We get a lot of reporting online and by phone. It can be the icing on the cake that we need."



Police campaign: No arrests were made in this New Malden raid, but seven other people were arrested as part of Operation Odin Picture: Jon Sharman

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ARRESTS

- A 23-year-old man from Kingston was arrested on suspicion of intent to supply class A drugs and cultivation of class B drugs.
- A 21-year-old man from Kingston was arrested for possession with intent to supply class B drugs as well as being wanted for domestic assault and breaching his bail conditions.
- A 20-year-old man, of no fixed address, was arrested on suspicion to supply class A drugs.
- A 32-year-old man from Kingston was arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs. He admitted possession and received a caution.
- A 45-year-old man from Kingston was arrested for possession of class B drugs. Received a cannabis warning.
- A 47-year-old woman from Surbiton was arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs. She has been bailed pending further enquiries.
- A 35-year-old man from Tolworth received a cannabis warning.

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Charito report will finally be published

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An investigation into alleged failings by police and social workers before the murder of a woman at the hands of her partner will finally be published – more than three years after her death.

Charito Cruz, 37, was killed by Asad Niazi in September 2011, after he beat her repeatedly over the head with a hammer in front of their infant daughter at their home in Cambridge Road, Kingston.

A domestic homicide review (DHR) was commissioned to find out if warning signs were missed.

Niazi is serving life behind bars, having been sentenced to a minimum of 12 years in prison in December 2012.

Whistleblower Olivia Butler claimed in January last year that referrals from the NSPCC were deemed not serious enough to send social workers to visit the family.

After Ms Cruz's death, records were altered to "cover up the lack of action and proper response", Ms Butler claimed.

After then-council leader Derek Osbourne criticised Ms Butler, saying she should have come forward earlier, Ms Butler hit back at what she called an attempt to "cast doubt on my credibility".



Tributes: Flowers outside the home of Charito Cruz, right



A Kingston Council spokesman said the report would be published on Friday, November 14.

Author Davina James-Hanman told the Kingston Guardian last year her report would be "fearless".

The Against Violence and Abuse director, who has held that role for 17 years, said: "I owe Kingston Council nothing, but I owe women who are victims of violence everything.

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Tuition fees are £9,000 a year at most universities and students can apply for a loan from the Student Loans Company, which is paid back over their working life after they earn a certain amount.

Other costs exist – if your child is planning to live away from home, think about rent and travel, plus food, clothing, text books and equipment. Students don't pay Council Tax if all of their housemates are also studying, but other bills will still arrive.

A maintenance loan of £4,565 per year to cover living costs is available for students living at home. For those living out of home and going to a university outside London, a loan of £5,740 is available. The loan rises to £8,009 if they are living away from home but studying in London.

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As long as the hours worked still allow ample study time, and do not stop your child attending lessons, this can be a useful way to build employment experience and raise extra money to help with bills or one off costs.

Bursaries and scholarships are also available at many universities, which your child might be eligible for.

At Roehampton for instance, four students who live in Wandsworth and were successful in applying for Roehampton Scholarships have had their tuition fees paid in full by the university and began their studies last month. The aim of these scholarships was to encourage local people into higher education, and see the benefits of a Roehampton degree and to increase the University's links with the community.

Roehampton recruits student from across the UK and around the world, but currently has more than 500 students from the borough, and welcomes enquiries from other Wandsworth based sixth formers. To find out more visit www.roehampton.ac.uk and search for 'open days'

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Speaking on bullies after brutal attack

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A young man has spoken out after he was brutally assaulted in a homophobic attack on Halloween by two men wearing pink tutus.

Robbie Kingsford, 21, from Leatherhead, was attacked by two men in Surbiton as he walked with a friend, and was left with a bloodied and swollen face.

The men, thought to have been dressed in pink fairy costumes, are said to have run away when passersby intervened.

A second victim, 18, sustained facial injuries in the attack in the early hours of Saturday, November 1.

The attack has made national headlines and retail worker Mr Kingsford said this week he had been overwhelmed by the generosity of commenters online and in his home town.

He added: "To have so many showing an interest and caring, it's been a bit hard to process.

"I have had people come forward offering me support and messaging me saying they admire my strength."

Mr Kingsford, who said he was bullied when he was younger, also gave encouragement to other gay young people who may have suffered abuse.

He said: "If you keep your chin up, and keep going on and stay strong, there's always hope that they will stop and realise that what's been done is wrong.

"I have had all the insults and all the comments.

"Violence is never an option. Talk to your teachers or a parent and you will get results."



Police said this week the pair were assaulted after passing a group of two men and three women outside Surbiton YMCA, one of whom shouted homophobic abuse.

They carried on walking, but were set upon as they reached the pedestrian crossing by Kentucky Fried Chicken, in Brighton Road.

Mr Kingsford's father, Brian, 51, a caretaker for Kingston Council, praised police for their investigation.

He said: "I think their response was amazing; the general community as well for coming together and supporting us. It's a big thank you to everyone.

"Emotions have run high throughout the whole family, especially Robert, because so many people have come forward with well-wishing."

In the wake of the attack Mr Kingsford set up a Facebook page, Red Alert, for members of the community to share information and appeals for help. It gained hundreds of members within a few days.

Mr Kingsford added: "It [the community response] has inspired us as well – it's inspired something good out of the bad. We've now got this page running."

❑ Two 26-year-old men have been arrested on suspicion of common assault and inflicting grievous bodily harm. They have been bailed to return to a west London police station in mid-December.

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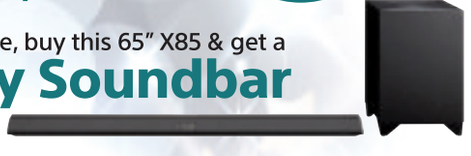
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Carnival organisers told they must plan ahead by 7 months

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Popular: Last year's Kingston Carnival featuring David Rodigan Picture: Banquet Records

Kingston Carnival organisers have been told the show can go on – as long as they submit plans seven months in advance.

The outdoor street festival, which was cancelled in its 15th year, was debated at full council on Tuesday night after a petition calling on it to be reinstated gathered more than 700 signatures.

Councillors voted through a Conservative motion calling on organisers of the carnival to submit an event programme to the Security Advisory Group by the end of February 2015 to be able to bring carnival back next year.

The motion also called on the policy and finance committee to monitor the approval process.

But Kingston Carnival organiser John Azah, from Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC), said: "It is totally impossible to book somebody [an act] in February for September.

"We can give a timeline of what we intend to do, but it would be totally impossible to expect us to announce an act. If we did that and something went wrong we would incur extra costs."

He added he had been pleased with the overall outcome of the debate and said a programme was already part of the organisational process.

Kingston Carnival was cancelled weeks before it was due to take place after police and council officers expressed safety concerns following the announcement of a headline act.

Banquet Records co-owner Jon Tolley, who had booked headline act Neville Staple to play the carnival, presented the petition at the Guildhall meeting.

He questioned whether the event had been cancelled because of the new Conservative administration and asked where figures for the number of revellers expected to turn up had come from.

He said: "What I want to know is how that number of 5,000 was reached when we thought it was 1,200 – similar to the year before. If somebody does know how to multiply figures by four – I have got a job for you whenever you want it."

Liberal Democrat Councillor Malcolm Self said: "If the Liberal Democrats had run the council then I am absolutely sure that it would have taken place."

But Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis said: "This administration is not against the carnival. We will do all that we can to make sure Kingston Carnival goes ahead in 2015."

Speaking after the meeting Mr Tolley said: "Great to see all sides want carnival. But the worry is it's an empty promise. Like we all want world peace."

A number of carnival supporters ditched the Best Bar None Awards held in Pryzm in favour of the council meeting.

CLOTHES THIEF: A woman from Berkshire has been convicted of stealing hundreds of pounds-worth of clothes from the Bentall Centre. Chelsea Organ, 22, of Lockwood Court, Ashville Way, Wokingham, was handed a two-year conditional discharge at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on Friday, October 31. She had admitted taking clothes worth £415 and was ordered to pay £50 in compensation.

CROOK JAILED: A New Malden man has been jailed for stealing and damaging a motorbike. Anthony Carmody, 21, of Malden Way, stole the black Yamaha RSX100 from another address in New Malden. He was jailed for 14 days at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on October 31.

LIGHT RELIEF: Four hundred people attended a Diwali celebration in Tolworth. The Sarvoday Hindu Association hosted MPs Edward Davey and Zac Goldsmith for the dinner and dance celebration on Saturday, November 1. Conservative hopeful James Berry, and councillors Roy Arora and Thay Thayalan, also enjoyed a vegetarian meal and Bollywood dancing.

ROSE TALK: A journalist with Asperger's syndrome will discuss his experiences in education at a coffee morning next month. Dean Beadle will speak to parents and carers of children with autism as part of community interest company Express' coffee morning, at the Rose Theatre on December 3 from 11am.

IN THE PINK: Generous Malden Centre customers, and staff dressed in pink, helped raise money for the Breast Cancer Care charity. Donation boxes set out last Friday raised £81 for the group.



LATCHMERE HOUSE: LAURA PROTO joined a tour of the former prison

Ham's house of secrets



Pictures: Originally built as a family home, Latchmere House was used as a hospital to treat soldiers suffering from shell shock and as a detention and interrogation centre, before being turned into a prison after World War II

Nestled away in a quiet street in Ham, hoardings surround the entrance to a disused site.

The site is far from what you would expect to see on the Richmond and Kingston border, and is that of the former Latchmere House prison, due to be redeveloped.

As twilight began to set in on Halloween, the Kingston Guardian was given a private tour of the mystery that lies behind the hoardings.

Latchmere House, off Church Road, was originally built in the Victorian era as a private home and was later owned by the Ministry of Defence.

The site had many uses until after World War II; during World War I it was used as a hospital for treating officers suffering from shell shock, and in World War II it was used as a detention and interrogation centre.

In 1948, Latchmere House was transferred to Her Majesty's Prison Service and used as a detention centre and prison, with its main function as a young offenders' institution, remand centre and a deportee prison, before becoming a category D men's resettlement prison in 1992.

The site closed in September 2011, as part of a wider-ranging cost-saving plan by the Ministry of Justice.

In 2013, the Latchmere site was sold to Berkeley Homes, which has submitted plans to both Kingston and Richmond Councils to develop the land into housing with community facilities.

Berkeley Homes has two ideas for the site – 60 family houses or 55 family houses and 29 new apartments alongside seven apartments within the restored Latchmere House.

Beginning our tour through a side door, we were greeted by darkness and a chill in the air as we saw outlines of grand fireplaces in the main Latchmere building.

Using a torch, Percy Mullany, senior land manager at Berkeley Homes, explained where partitions will be put up to create individual apartments in the grand building.

As we continued to walk through the darkness, we ascended an old, creaky staircase and passed abandoned furniture.

The air smelt musty and as we continued to walk around the second floor of the building, we passed more furniture including a desk with open drawers and a safe.

Mr Mullany said: "It was used as the office and administration building and is where the governor's office was. It was not used as part of the prison up until very recently."

Walking towards the area of the site within the Kingston borough, tall metal gates stood before us – typical imagery of what one might expect to find on the site of a former prison.

Stepping over tall weeds, cracked paving and steering clear of some dead pigeons, we were taken to cell block B.

We explored the cell block and opened the heavy metal gates used to secure the block and keep former prisoners in their cell wings.

The cell block is exactly as expected – foreboding and moody.

At its full capacity, Latchmere House was able to house up to 210 prisoners.

If both councils agree to the proposals, the cell blocks will be demolished to make room for housing, but the exterior of Latchmere House block on Richmond's land will remain.

Mr Mullany said: "Latchmere House is in a bit of a sorry state and needs a bit of structural work, so it could take 18 months to two years."

Berkeley Homes hopes its proposals will be passed by both councils and hopes to start building work in spring 2015.





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Council's traffic fines regime shows no signs of slowing

The simple answer for drivers is not to get into them during times of heavy traffic and thereby avoiding any fine.

8ANOTHERTHING

Gala Bingo hall plans passed

Reading between the lines of this report it just seems to me that the council have voted for "anything" rather than nothing to change it from the current eyesore that it is.

AGAMEMNON & CASSANDRA

Jewellery thief jailed after he left behind a 'selfie'

Candidate for Mr T's TV show, World's Craziest Fools.

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Lacking all respect for people's views

Kingston councillors and council officers seem to be lackeys to commercial developers, who are ruining this historical market town with their aggressive approach to development.

They seem to lack all respect for, or sense of accountability to, the residents they are meant to serve.

I have discovered that, hidden on the council's website, was a development brief for north Kingston, inviting public comments before October 27.

But the residents of north Kingston were not sent this brief or notified of its existence.

Instead, the brief appears under the planning and building control section of the website under the title Information for Developers.

Residents could hardly be expected to dig out proposals affecting them in this place and I am led to believe the council wishes developers' proposals would get through without our challenge.

Any successful company nowadays is successful because it provides excellent customer service to its existing customers.

The officers of Kingston Council are doing the opposite – it is focusing solely on growth and overlooking the needs and desires of the people who live in Kingston now.

Kingston is forecast to be the fastest growing borough in Greater London over the next 10 years. What voice are we as existing residents having in the decision for the place in which we live to change in this way? None.

CAROLINE SCOTT
Via email



Borough view

Jack Darling, from Cobham, snapped this picture of deer in Bushy Park. To see your photo featured in Borough View, email it with details of where you took it to jon.sharman@london.newsquest.co.uk.

Only interest is own profit

The proposed rebuilding of Kingston station nearer the river would mean the engine would be almost in Hampton Wick, while the tail was still in Kingston station.

These ludicrous schemes – shifting Heathrow to an artificial island; HS2 duplicating existing railways; moving Hampton Court station to within shouting distance of Thames Ditton station; rebuilding Kingston's commercial centre – all have a common genesis.

They originate with those who sell concrete, tarmac, steel and other structural materials.

Such people will prate about creating jobs and expanding the economy – but their only interest is their own profit, and to hell with the communities through which they drive their bulldozers.

IAIN INNESS BURGESS
Hampton Wick

Bad move for station

Developers may consider Kingston station's location to be a nuisance, but the idea of moving the station closer to the river, closer to the swans and car parks, but further away from the bus stations, schools, shops and residential catchment area, would be hugely inconvenient for the many thousands of people who live, work or study in Kingston.

Creating lots of shops, but making them harder to get to, would be a massive own goal for the developers.

Kingston made the mistake of not wanting a station back in the 1830s, which is why it is now stuck on a branch line.

Now it seems the developers want to repeat the original mistake and shun the railway again.

TIM LIDBETTER
Kingston

Didn't listen at the time

Kingston Council has asked for input on what changes they would like to see on Tolworth greenway, after spending £3m.

If the councillors at the time and the developers had listened in the first place to the businesses and residents, then maybe the council would not be in this embarrassing position.

The new works could cost about £110,000, another huge amount of money to be wasted.

Is this not a design fault?

And should it be picked up by the contractor, North Midland Construction?

It is time councillors started to listen to the residents they are representing and stop wasting taxpayers' money.

The Conservative Party now has the power to change how consultations work.

For example, if a consultation receives less than 30 per cent feedback then the project or development should not get the go-ahead.

DANIEL GOODGER
Via email

Weekend train journeys also suffer overcrowding

Travelling from Surbiton into central London during a weekend, it is just as unpleasantly overcrowded as commuting during the week, thanks to South West Trains' (SWT) obsession with reducing most services to just four carriages on Saturdays and Sundays.

This is happening at a time when most intermediate stations between Surbiton and Waterloo have actually had their platforms extended.

SWT's management clearly has no knowledge that Saturday and Sunday services are packed with people – parents with young children and buggies, people with large luggage or heavy sports bags, bicycles – all trying to get into London for leisure or business reasons.

Trains are actually too packed to get on board.

I have raised this problem in a conversation with a train driver at Clapham Junction, who responded that crews were well aware of the problem of crowded coaches but that management refused to budge on the issue, claiming that up to 50 per cent of the rolling stock had to be withdrawn from service for maintenance every weekend, which in itself is a worrying thought.

I also raised the issue with our MP Edward Davey but apparently to no avail, because nothing has changed.

Let us have some answers, and some action, please.

PHILLIP COOPER
Surbiton

Cyclists' selfish behaviour

I endure the selfish behaviour of the cycling community on the Thames Path, in Richmond Park and in London all year round.

However, being able to use the public highway [for Ride London] to feed their obsession and promote Boris Johnson's agenda is the last straw. A huge area around Kingston was inaccessible and gridlocked – unlike the pedestrian centre, which was very quiet.

I have noted the 2015 Ride London date in my diary, but not everyone will do this. As for suggestions to plan ahead or be away, I cannot always plan ahead being self-employed.

Nor do I see why I should go away during the busiest, most expensive time of year to avoid it.

I emailed Ride London with several objections and they dared to refer to my two self-employed friends' loss of a day's income as an "inconvenience".

If 66,000 cyclists cannot find another way to each raise £106, then they lack as much imagination as they do consideration for others.

LAURA SLADE
Surbiton

TWEETS of the WEEK

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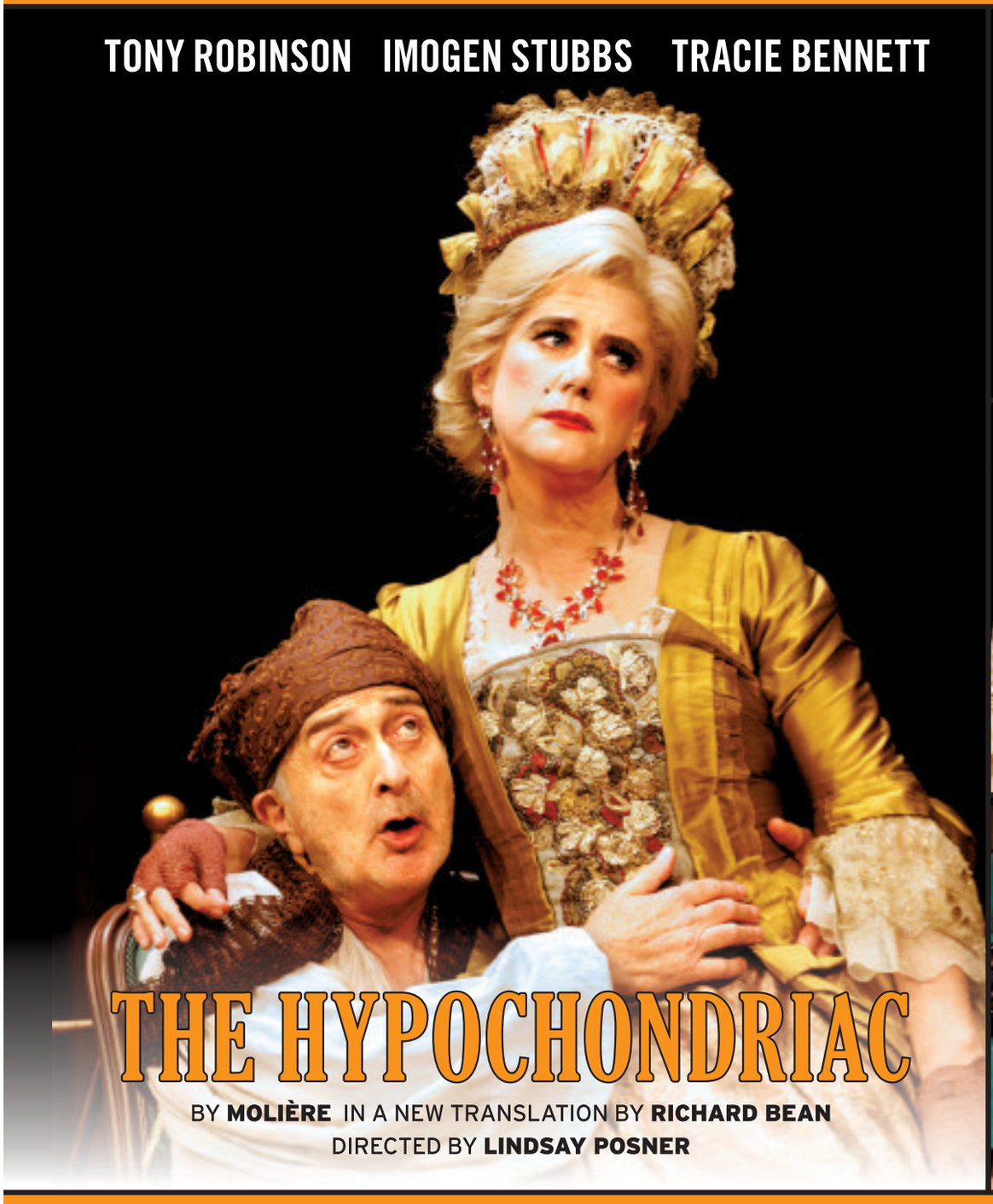
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Small and medium-sized businesses and social enterprises are eligible for the vouchers that can be used to pay to install a superfast connection.

Many businesses in London, and across the country, have already received their vouchers and are feeling the benefits of their new broadband connection. Businesses like video production house Kinamo.

Kinamo's business means that it is constantly uploading videos for its clients to review – and uploading again after each new round of editorial changes has been made. That's huge amounts of video data each week. "Our reaction time has to be really quick," explains Kinamo's other co-founder Phil Doherty.

The slow broadband in their new office forced Powley and Doherty to plan their days around ensuring uploads actually happened.

"It was hideous," Powley recalls.

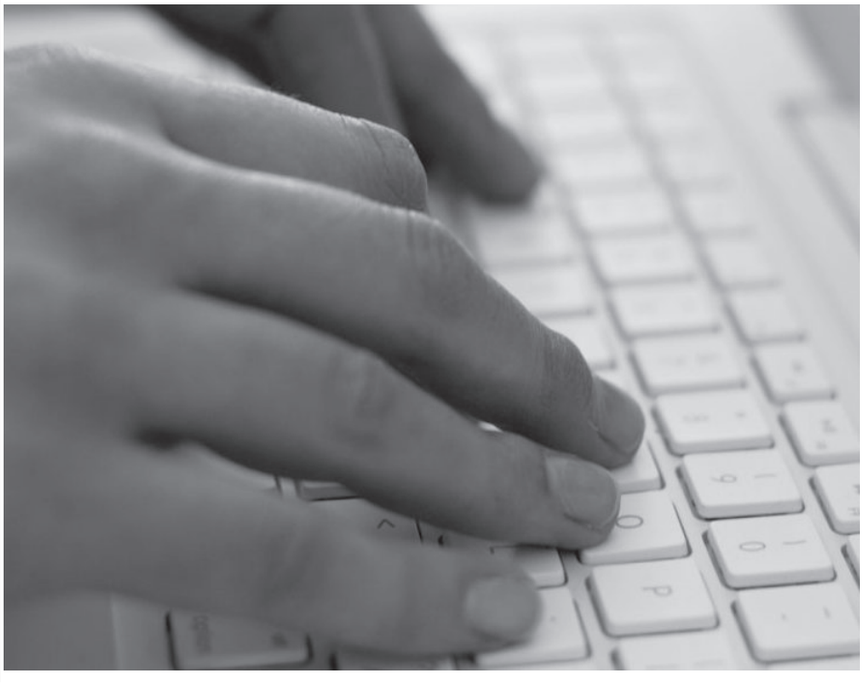
But they had done their homework before moving in. Powley contacted Optimity, an internet service provider that had what he describes as "the perfect solution." Kinamo used broadband connection vouchers to install Optimity's wireless solution which gave Kinamo a dedicated connection. "What had taken us eight hours to upload now took us ten minutes," says Doherty.

It's not just that businesses can send and receive files more quickly. A better broadband connection can help businesses access the cloud more quickly and easily and increase profits by offering better services to more satisfied customers.

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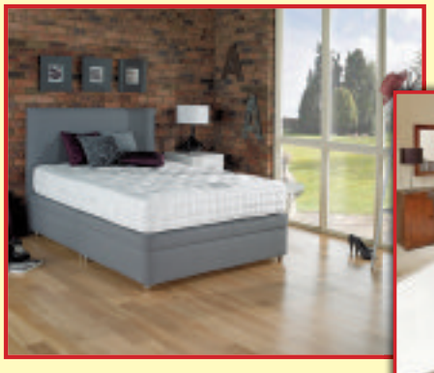
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IN COURT: Jamil Palmer trial continues

Knife 'similar to set at pal's home'

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A knife found close to where teenager Jamil Palmer lay dying was "similar, if not the same" as a set of knives belonging to a friend who he had visited that day, a court has heard.

Five teenagers are standing trial at the Old Bailey accused of murdering Mr Palmer, a former Richmond College and Kingston College student, who died after being stabbed in Crane Park, Whitton, on May 6.

The jury heard on Monday how Mr Palmer had visited a friend, Georgia McConnachie, at her home in the Butts Farm estate shortly before he was stabbed.

Mr Palmer, 18, of Belgrade Road, Hampton, arrived at Miss McConnachie's flat with another friend at about 3pm, the court heard.

The two men went into the kitchen to smoke while Miss McConnachie, 18, remained in the living room with her two-year-old brother.

Defence barrister Michael Turner QC showed Miss McConnachie a photo of a knife recovered from the murder scene, which she acknowledged looked similar to those in her kitchen.

He said: "That knife is very similar, if not the same, as the set that lived in your kitchen.

"If it is not a knife from the kitchen, it is a coincidence."

Giving evidence at the trial, Miss McConnachie said she was unaware of a knife missing from her kitchen, but admitted she did not see the pair leave the room.

Another witness, Tara Thornley, who stayed with Mr Palmer before paramedics arrived, also gave evidence.

Mrs Thornley had picked up her nine-year-old son at 3.15pm, before walking home through the park and seeing a youth calling for help.

She said: "I told my little boy to stay on the path and I ran through the bushes to him.

"He was on his knees with Jamil, who was lying on his back with his arms stretched out – his eyes were open and he was looking up at the sky.

"I could see blood."

Mrs Thornley told the court the boy who had called for help said he was going for help, but never returned.

She said: "I asked him if he would come back because I didn't want to be in this situation on my own, but he ran off and never came back."

The court heard Mrs Thornley stayed with the former Richmond College and Kingston College student until the emergency services arrived, before returning later to speak to an officer.

Kishon Zelaya, 18, from Reading, and four other defendants, aged 15, 16, 16 and 17 years old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, all deny murder.

The trial continues.







Killed: Jamil Palmer died after being stabbed in Crane Park, Whitton, on May 6; Onlookers visit the flowers left in tribute to Jamil, below Deadlinepix HY5555

COURT HOUSE: Kingston's old magistrates' courts are to be renamed when marriage registration services move into the basement at Guildhall. Two old courtrooms will be used to conduct marriage and civil partnership ceremonies, and for registering births, marriages and deaths. Kingston Council officers have suggested the name, the Old Court House.

SAFETY FIRST: Dust carts in Kingston will be made safer with new audio warnings and training for drivers. Veolia, Kingston Council's waste contractor, will modify its 40 vehicles in the borough to help cyclists know when carts are turning left. Awareness training for drivers, including getting them on their bikes, will be completed by next September.

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Channelling creativity: Gemma and Hilary Whates
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Making marketplace for creative mothers



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A mother and daughter have opened an online marketplace for creative mums to sell unique handmade products.

All By Mama has been launched by Gemma Whates and her mother Hilary as a way of giving mums running a home business an online platform for their gifts, clothing and accessories.

The aim is to encourage mums to realise their creative business potential while working around family routines.

Gemma, from Beaconsfield Road, Surbiton, who has a two-year-old son, Leonardo, said: "All By Mama aims to encourage and support mums who run creative home businesses.

"Sellers can showcase products for sale, connect with other creative mums and attract investors to their business."

The business has so far attracted more than 3,000 followers on social media – and has even been given the blessings of TV presenter Kirtsie Allsopp.

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NOT OVERTURNED: An appeal by businessman Franco Lumba to overturn Kingston Council's decision to close Essence nightclub appears to have failed. A district judge found Wimbledon Magistrates' Court had no power to allow the appeal if it were made by someone other than Mr Lumba. Another hearing will be held on December 8.

DIWALI DAY: Four hundred people attended a Diwali celebration in Tolworth. The Sarvoday Hindu Association hosted MPs Edward Davey and Zac Goldsmith for the dinner and dance celebration on Saturday, November 1. Conservative hopeful James Berry, and councillors Roy Arora and Thay Thayalan, also enjoyed a vegetarian meal and Bollywood dancing.

TOP TEACHER: A Surbiton High School English teacher has won the Pearson gold award for outstanding new teacher of the year 2014. Suzy Pett picked up the award at the teacher of the year final on Sunday, October 26, at London's Guildhall. The event was also attended by former Surbiton High School girl, Education Secretary Nicky Morgan, and was televised at the weekend.

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Student union wins best watering hole

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A students' union has come out top of the town centre bar battles this year.

Kingston University's Knights Park Bar at its Grange Road campus took overall best bar at the annual Best Bar None awards ceremony.

Nominated town centre bars, clubs and pubs were pitted against each other ahead of the ceremony at Pryzm nightclub in Clarence Street on Tuesday, November 4.

Tom Bennett, manager at Knights Park, said: "It's a fantastic achievement for our small bar to win this award, especially as we were up against much larger and well-known venues.

"The bar is run by the students' union and we're delighted to have won. This is recognition for all of the hard work and dedication put in by our team."

Hippdrome lost its best club crown after three years running as the borough's best party venue. This time round it was Pryzm that picked up the best club gong.

It also hosted the event, which was attended by council officers and Kingston police.

Dan Corry, general manager of Pryzm, said: "Our priority is to provide a safe and fun place for friends to meet up and have a fantastic night out and to have that endorsed with the Best Bar None club of the year title is very rewarding."

The Best Bar None awards aim to recognise positive contributions made by responsible licensees promoting sensible drinking.

The awards ceremony is run by town centre managers Kingstonfirst.

Ros Morgan, chief executive of Kingstonfirst, said: "Congratulations to all the winners, especially the overall winner Knights Park Bar on its achievement.

"Kingston's Best Bar None awards recognise those who help to make our town a great place in which to socialise and relax. The pubs and clubs play a vital role, both to the night-time economy and vibrancy of Kingston."



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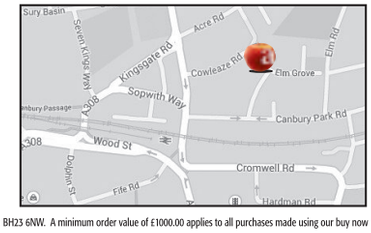


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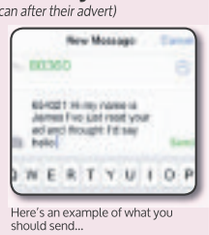
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ON TRACK: A 1960s cover band will be returning to New Malden for a fundraising gig in support of Movember. Back Track will be playing the New Malden Sports Club to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. The five piece group are regular performers at the club. At a similar event in 2011, the night raised £1,400 for the charity, and the band is looking to beat that total with prizes for best moustache, a raffle and a jukebox pledge – where audience members pay to hear their favourite song.

● **Back Track; New Malden Sports Club, Somerset Close, New Malden; November 28; newmaldenclub.co.uk, 020 8942 0539.**

MERRY MEN: He robbed from the rich and gave to the poor – but St Paul's Players are asking you to come to their annual panto so they can donate proceeds to Mind. The community group's show this year will be the classic tale of Robin Hood, immortalised by such screen heroes as Kevin Costner, Errol Flynn, and Disney's animated fox.

● **St Paul's Players' Robin Hood; Hook and Southborough Parish Hall, Hook Road; November 28 and 29, and December 5 and 6, 2.30pm and 8pm; £10 for adults and £6 for children; call 020 8397 3515.**



CANBURY SINGERS

IN HARMONY: A Kingston choir will hold a concert in aid of a children's charity – and needs your help to raise cash. The Canbury Singers are supporting Harrison's Fund, which hopes to fund research into the Duchenne muscular dystrophy condition. Head along to St Luke's Church for an evening of Handel, Faure, Vivaldi and more.

● **Canbury Singers; St Luke's Church, Burton Road, Kingston; November 15, 7.40pm; £5 advance, £6 on door; visit ticketsource.co.uk/canburysingers.**

WATCH THE BIRDIE: A swathe of imagery will be available to view at Kingston Camera Club's annual exhibition. Members have spent a year capturing nature, street and other scenes. Both prints and digital images will be on show at Kingston Museum. They are also competing in two categories, with the themes of contrast and architectural detail.

● **Kingston Camera Club exhibition; Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way; November 14 to 29, during opening hours; free.**



50 UP

The Thames Philharmonic Choir has announced its golden jubilee offering, The Messiah.

The group will perform the masterpiece in the historical All Saints' Church as part of the group's golden anniversary celebrations.

The choir originally started in 1964 as the Putney Bach Choir and the Richmond Choral Society, before they merged in 1975 and members from across south-west London began joining.

Founder John Bate, *pictured*, says: "Thames Philharmonic Choir, under its various names, has been a constant thread throughout most of my adult life and professional musical career.

"Choirs, orchestras and opera work, together with my teaching in schools and universities, have come and gone over the last half-century, while the choir has progressed from its beginnings as a pair of local authority evening classes to a position where it is recognised as one of the finest around."

● **The Messiah; Thames Philharmonic Choir; All Saints Church; Market Place, Kingston, December 6, 7.30pm; £5-£20; 07522 524081, thamesphilchoir.org.uk.**

Party on RED ALERT

With next year's general election looming, REBEKAH PEMBERTON looks ahead to David Hare's political drama, The Absence of War, at the Rose Theatre in April

It is now or never for George Jones. How will he secure the job of Prime Minister? How will he convince anyone to vote for him? What tie should he wear for Prime Minister's Questions?

These are all questions explored by the David Hare play, The Absence of War, coming to Kingston next year.

Staged just in time for Britain's general election in May, the political study will be showing at the Rose Theatre as part of its UK tour in April and is a collaboration between Sheffield Theatres, Headlong and the Rose Theatre.

The play follows a heavy-smoking, Shakespeare-loving Labour leader, played by Reece Dinsdale, who has three weeks to scoop the role of PM.

Not only is he plagued by hostile media, and haunted by his own demons, but he also has to deal with divisions in his own party.

Hare, a twice Oscar-nominated screenwriter, says: "I've been saying there's a crisis in the Labour Party just as profound as there was in the days of Neil Kinnock, and I think it's the right moment."

The play, part of Hare's trilogy which includes Racing Demon and Murmuring Judges, captures the hysteria of the high-pressured 1992 election against an epic personal struggle.

Executive producer of the Rose, Jerry Gunn says: "Working with these highly-respected companies that consistently produce work of an exceedingly high quality and create world-class productions is exactly the direction we want to take the Rose."



ABSENCE OF WAR

● **Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; April 14-25, 2015; from £5; visit rosetheatrekingston.org**

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Me and my ghoul: Take a ghost tour around Hampton Court Palace

WHERE TO GO: To have a go at spotting ghosts, head to the former home of Henry VIII. Hampton Court Palace opens its doors to people who are willing to brave the darkness and find out what lurks in the state apartments, empty courtyards and haunted gallery.

● **Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey; 7pm, from November to February; £27.50 adults; call 0844 4827777.**

SOMETHING of the NIGHT

Whether it is Henry VIII's wife Catherine Howard screaming down the corridors of Hampton Court Palace or voices of young girls at a Georgian house in Mitcham, there are so many tales of ghosts haunting ancient buildings, *writes Becky Middleton*.

Spooky tales of dismembered hands appearing, figures disappearing through closed doors or even spirits of donkeys wandering around in fields long-gone have all been passed down through the ages.

In Surrey Ghost Stories by Richard Holland, published last month, he says phantoms in Tudor dress have been seen strolling around Nonsuch Park in Cheam. A man in a cloak has been spotted loitering near the park's entrance staring towards the site of a former palace.

The book said Croydon has its fair share of unexplained events. At the 12th century Croydon Palace, incorporated into the Old Palace School for Girls in Old Palace Road, disturbing ghostly occurrences have been recorded. It is said to be haunted by sounds of screaming infants after dark and for years an apparition of a woman in Elizabethan dress was spotted by people at the head of an old staircase since gone, according to Holland.

Ghost hunter Stephen Morgans took up the hobby two years ago after the death of his father when he started experiencing unusual occurrences at his home in Mitcham. He takes readings of electromagnetic energy and voice recordings in locations across south-west London to detect unusual activity. Most recently he said a Georgian house in Church Road, Mitcham was arousing suspicion.

Morgans says: "We had doors opening and closing, the detectors going off and I had something touch me on the shoulder.

"I thought it was my nephew, but it wasn't."

He is not the only one to experience the supernatural.

You might be able to spot some of the ghostly goings on yourself on a Hampton Court Palace ghost tour.

Visit the spot where two bodies were discovered in shallow graves in the 1870s, hear the tale of the Tudor royal nurse whose spirit is said to stalk her former apartments, and decide for yourself the origin of the mysterious figure caught on CCTV in the palace in the dead of night.

● **Surrey Ghost Stories; available from bookshops and supermarkets; £3.99.**

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Keep burglars at bay

High walls, spiky railings and prickly bushes can help deter burglars says Halifax Home Insurance.

Last winter the insurer recorded 2,832 burglary claims paying out a total of more than £20million, with an average claim costing £1,727.

Now the insurer is urging householders to protect themselves against unwelcome visitors. It says you should:

■ Keep doors and windows locked, even when at home.

■ Install security lights which can alert you to people approaching the house, and gravel driveways which make it possible to hear them coming too.

■ Have a British standard approved burglar alarm installed, and always setting it when leaving the property unoccupied and also at night. It says one which has a direct link to the police is a good idea.

■ High walls, spiky railings and prickly bushes around a property can make it more difficult to break in, and also harder to get away if burglars are disturbed.

■ Keep tools and ladders that can be used to break in to the home locked away.

■ When going on holiday, timer switches on lights can make it less obvious that the house is empty. Consider asking a trusted friend or neighbour to check in and collect any mail, as piles of letters can be a clue that there is nobody around.

■ Marking your property with a UV pen or etching your postcode on metal items such as bikes and tools means that if it is stolen, there is a greater chance of it being recovered by police.

■ Make sure your home buildings and contents insurance is up to date and includes the right level of cover for your needs.

■ Don't leave keys hidden under door mats, in flower pots or in other 'safe' places – burglars know where to look.

Martyn Foulds, senior claims manager, Halifax Insurance, said: "Winter claims last year cost 12 per cent more compared to summer as thieves on the hunt for an easy target use cover of darkness to their advantage, so it's important to look at ways to step up security to avoid falling victim.

"Checking your insurance cover is a small but significant step towards keeping your home safe, and will go a long way to cover any potential financial losses. Items of sentimental value may not be replaceable, so preventative action will help you to protect the things you value most."

For more information visit halifax.co.uk/insurance.



Debt gives fuel for thought

According to new research published today, one in 10 Brits are in arrears with their gas or electricity bills, owing suppliers on average, £239.

The survey found many people who are struggling to pay their energy bills haven't contacted their supplier to discuss their situation or are ignoring the debt in the hope it will sort itself out over time.

The survey, commissioned by Gocompare.com, found that 26 per cent of those in arrears said that they were hoping that the debt would sort itself out over time. Only one in five of those struggling to pay their bill had contacted their supplier for help. The survey also revealed those in debt:

• Owe on average £239; 28 per cent owe in excess of £300, seven per cent admitted to be in significant debt owing over £800;

• 26 per cent said that their energy supplier has been helpful and they had managed to agree a repayment plan;

• 12 per cent thought their energy provider had been unsympathetic;

• 13 per cent have felt under pressure from their provider to repay the arrears;

• One in five would like to switch provider – but have been unable to because they are in arrears.

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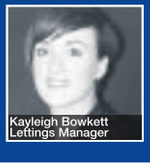
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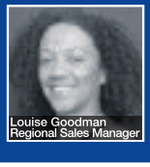
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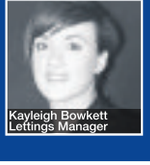
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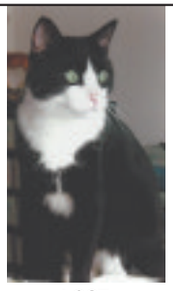
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Survey shock

New research has found that some insurers use non-manufacturer parts or even reconditioned parts when repairing customers' vehicles.

In a study by Gocompare.com of 238 comprehensive car insurance policies, the comparison site found just 15 per cent guarantee only original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts will be used to repair a policyholder's vehicle following an accident.

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Using non-OEM parts isn't the only way insurers are trying to trim repair costs. Gocompare.com's research also found that nearly a quarter (23 per cent) use reconditioned or recycled parts, which are typically salvaged from other vehicles.



FIRST DRIVE: Ford Mondeo

Improving fuel economy



WHAT'S NEW?: Despite the looks, this is an all-new Ford Mondeo. It concentrates on comfort more than before, and it has a range of new engines to cut emissions and improve fuel economy. Prime among these are new 1.0-litre turbo petrol and 1.5-litre turbodiesel motors that bring a new wave of downsizing to the family car class.

There are fewer dash buttons to come to terms with and Ford now fits a large touchscreen to operate many functions. On top of this, Ford's Sync2 voice control system lets the driver change settings with simple commands while keeping both hands on the steering wheel.

LOOKS AND IMAGE: The slimmer headlights give a sleeker look that will be key to the Mondeo clawing back sales from the likes of the Audi A4 and BMW 3 Series that have proved so popular with their premium images.

SPACE AND PRACTICALITY: If the Mondeo is not seen as quite as premium as those rivals from Audi and BMW, it easily betters them for cabin space and load lugging. There is masses of room in the rear and there is a wealth of adjustment to fine tune the driving position that includes electric seat height adjustment.

BEHIND THE WHEEL: Ford has made a conscious effort to make the new Mondeo an even more comfortable car than its predecessor. This means the new car's suspension has a little more compliance that translates into a superbly smooth ride over any type of road surface. The Mondeo is a class leader for hushed long-distance travel.

VALUE FOR MONEY: Starting at £20,795 for the hatch and £23,795 for the estate, the Mondeo is not as keenly priced as, the Vauxhall Insignia. However, the Mondeo compensates with a generous level of equipment that includes digital radio, climate control, cruise control, hill start assist, alloy wheels on all models and Ford's 8-inch Sync2 touchscreen.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi 150 Econetic Titanium 5dr, £23,745

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As many as 63 per cent said prices should be capped so fuel was no more expensive on motorways than at non-motorway forecourts.

More than a quarter (27 per cent) would be happy with fuel being capped at just a few pence over the non-motorway price, and only 10 per cent believed nothing needed to be done.

Also, 44 per cent said they only bought fuel at motorway services when they had no other choice. Almost 20 per cent admitted to putting in "just enough fuel to get by" at motorway services and finding a cheaper alternative later.

In addition, 76 per cent said service stations should display the price of their fuel before drivers pulled off the motorway so they knew what they would have to fork out. RAC fuel spokesman Simon Williams said: "It's no wonder motorists feel held to ransom with prices on the motorways inflated to such an extent. We can see no reason why motorway fuel should be so much more expensive."



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Ships and Grassick put Surbiton top



Rupert Shipperley and Chris Grassick, *right*, both scored two goals as Surbiton hit the top of Men's Hockey League Premier Division on Sunday with a 6-1 triumph at Cannock.

Alan Forsyth and Matt Daly netted the other two goals to move head coach Todd Williams' men above East Grinstead on goal difference.

Surbiton host Wimbledon on Saturday before entertaining Deeside Ramblers in the cup on Sunday.

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Fighting back: Surbiton's Sarah Haycroft used her disappointment to improve her game Stuart Tree

Haycroft: Axe made me better

Surbiton Ladies captain Sarah Haycroft has revealed missing this year's World Cup and Commonwealth Games has made her a better player, *writes Stuart Amos*.

The 23-year-old is hoping to make the cut to represent England at the Champions Trophy in Argentina this month, having missed the World Cup and Commonwealth Games this year.

Haycroft won two silver medals and one bronze in her first season of international action in 2013, but did not make the cut for this season's majors.

But she reckons the experience has improved her game.

"Nothing is easy in sport and nothing is a given," she said.

"I was absolutely devastated not to be selected and desperate to get back into the team.

"While the girls selected for the tournaments are away, the rest continue to train back at our base in Bisham Abbey.

"It was probably one of the worst periods of my time as an athlete, training at home while the team which I longed to be in competed at the highest level elsewhere.

"However, we all strive to be the best we can be, so I put the time towards developing parts of my game that otherwise might be get overlooked."

Read Sarah Haycroft's column at **yourlocal guardian.co.uk/sport**.

SOMETHING BORROWED: Former Leyton Orient striker Loick Pires has joined Kingstonian on loan from Conference South St Albans City. The 24-year-old Portuguese striker, who made 15 appearances for the League One Os, made his debut in Monday night's 3-1 Ryman Premier League win over Met Police.

BACK TO FRONT: Ks must build on Blues win to save season

Turning things around

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Wrong end: Aaron Goode netted an own goal on Monday SP88457

Tommy Williams promised his side would get their home form right after Saturday's 1-0 defeat to Harrow Borough and they duly delivered 48 hours later.

Goals from Pelayo Pico Gomez, Matt Drage and Luke Pigden saw Ks come from a goal down – an own goal from Aaron Goode – to beat Met Police 3-1 at Kingsmeadow on Monday.

Williams issued an apology to fans after Saturday's dismal display and warned his men a reaction was required against the Blues.

Ks, now only six points off the Ryman Premier League's top five, had not won a game at home since August and skipper Alan Inns admitted the squad needed to build on the victory or risk letting the club down come the end of the campaign.

"We really do need to kick on. We are so much better than the league position we are in," he said.

"We're here to be successful. Ks are a big club and should be in the Conference South.

"The infrastructure is here to go to the next level.

"If we are not in the mix at the end of the season, then we have let the club down."

Ks are without a league game until Enfield Town visit on November 22.



Big difference: Kingstonian striker Pelayo Pico Gomez has netted three goals in his past three matches – helping Ks bag six points in the process SP88457

Sports awards will come back

Kingston Council has promised the borough's annual sports awards will return in 2015, *writes Stuart Amos*.

Elmbridge Borough Council hosted their Sports Personality Awards last month, however, Kingston's annual celebration of sporting achievement was postponed this year due to staff shortages and bad timing.

But Active Kingston's sports commissioning manager Sue Johnson is confident of the event's return in 12 months time.

"A member of staff – who's remit it was to organise the Borough Sports Awards – left at a time the awards would have been organised," said Johnson.

"There would not have been enough time to employ and have somebody in post in time to take this event on.

"We did not have the capacity to deliver a high standard event the awards deserve.

"The awards are something we will be ensuring takes place next year and in future years."



Honoured: Kingston & Polytechnic Harriers' Brenda Ford collected the Mayor's Trophy in 2013

Drake is at cross purposes in mountains

Ed Drake is confident of building upon his steady progression in ski cross this season following his switch from alpine skiing last year.

The 28-year-old competed for Team GB in downhill, giant slalom, super-G and the super combined at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics before making the switch to ski cross in 2013 in a bid to qualify for Sochi.

Drake missed out on a place, but he insists he can still take positives from his performances last year, which included claiming the 2014 British ski cross title.

His next aim is to challenge in the World Championships in Austria next January and Drake is aiming high.

"It was a bit frustrating to miss out on Sochi, but I only switched to ski cross in January 2013, so to miss the cut off by a couple of tenths shows how I close I was," he said.



New challenge: Kingston's Ed Drake switched to ski cross last year and is hoping to become a winter Olympian for the second time in 2017

"It was a long shot to begin with but I was pleased with how close I was which bodes well for the future and it fills me with a lot of confidence and drives me on to do better.

"We have the World Championships at the end of January and that's where I got my best result last year so I'm looking forward to that.

"I was going well on the two splits before the finish and then made a mistake. This year the goal is to get into that final group and start going head-to-head and then anything can happen.

"As long as I continue with my progression there's no reason why I can't be mixing with the best in the world considering my results so far."



On the move: Joel Thompson, right, against South Park Stuart Tree

Winter of struggle

Corinthian Casuals boss Matt Howard has admitted his side could be in for their usual season-long struggle against the drop, *writes Stuart Tree*.

Casuals, missing six first team regulars, crashed to a third defeat in their past four games with a 4-1 reverse at South Park on Saturday.

Howard's side had made the sort of start to a season that had many fans dreaming of a possible Ryman Division One South play-off shot, but things have turned a little sour in recent weeks.

"Let's be honest, we struggle every year," he said.

"We got off to an absolutely flying start this season and maybe everyone got a little bit carried away with it.

"Over the course of 30-odd games, which is how long I've been here for, maybe the true colours are showing – maybe we are just not good enough.

"I'm not going to scream and shout at them.

"Maybe they just aren't good enough.

"Maybe it is going to be a long hard winter and we are going to be struggling."

Casuals host Ramsgate on Saturday.

ONE, TWO: Kingston & Polytechnic Harriers pair George Corcoran and James Robertson completed a Surrey Men's League Division Three first and second at Epsom Downs on Saturday. Corcoran, 21, triumphed in 27 minutes 57 seconds, with closest challenger Robertson, 25, coming in a massive 45 seconds later. Stragglers Running Club finished eighth in Division Two with Simon Ford [30:59] their best performer in 14th.

BACK IN THE RACE: New Malden-based KCS Old Boys will hope to get back in the London Division Two South West promotion race with victory over struggling Farnham on Saturday. KCS are fifth in the table, but only seven points adrift of top spot. **OTHER FIXTURES:** Eastleigh v Old Tiffinians, Old Whitgiftians v Kingston.

ON COURSE: Surbiton Ladies are still set for a second successive league and cup double after they beat Buckingham 5-0 in the WHL Premier Division last Saturday and then beat Holcombe 3-1 in the Women's Cup on Sunday.

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Food scientist turned designer jeweller, Heather Paine found her mobility and comfort increasingly affected by arthritis in her ankles and feet.

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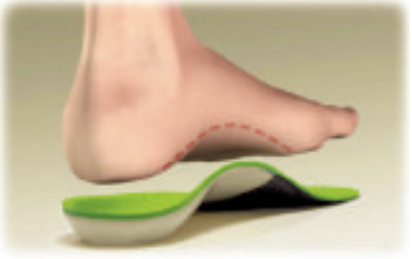
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